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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to clarify the invention.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8-12, 18, 19 have been amended, claims 3, 5-7, 13-17 and 20 have been canceled and new claims 21 and 22 have been added.

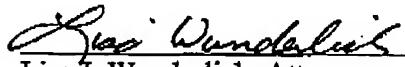
The claims have been amended to recite a grip device to clarify the invention.

The examiner stated that claims 7-9 and 20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1 and 18 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 7 and 20, respectively, and any intervening claims. Therefore the rejection of the claims should be withdrawn.

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the comments and suggestions of the Examiner and to place this application in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested.

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